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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Belgium has refused to export important parts of the engine of light combat aircraft to India;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the substitute proposed to be used in case of these parts are not supplied by Belgium?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir. The export licence for one mechanical part of the Kaveri engine being developed by Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) has not been issued by the Government of Belgium after signing of the contract with a Belgium firm.

(b) We understand that the reason to be Export Control Regulations of the Belgium Government.

(c) DRDO has the policy of stock piling and multiple sourcing in important projects.In this case, alternate sources have been identified for the supply.